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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims are responsive to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003. Claims 1, 5-63, 65-67, 69-72 and 74 are pending in the case. Entry of applicants' Amendment of January 22, 2003 and the allowance of claim 1 are gratefully acknowledged. It is noted that the entry of that Amendment and the present Office Action followed Applicants' Notice of Appeal rather than an RCE as noted in the Office Action.

In the Office Action under response, the Examiner has objected to claims directly or indirectly depending from allowed claim 1 following Applicants' amendment of claim 1 because many of these dependent claims directly or indirectly defined an R13 moiety (which is equivalent to R4 as depicted in claim 1) as including "lower alkyl" which is defined in the specification as including substituted lower alkyls, whereas in claim 1 this group is defined limited to "unsubstituted lower alkyl". The Examiner's assistance in telephonic conferences with the undersigned in clarifying this and certain other typorgraphic issues in the claims is gratefully acknowledged. The foregoing amendments have addressed these issues as well as certain additional typographic errors found by Applicants. Specifically, claims 9, 20, 24, 28, 35, 36, 40, 52, 59 and 74 have all been amended to correct the lack of correspondence with claim 1. Additionally, the printing error of the drawings in claim 34 does not appear in the present printout, claims 63 and 65 have corrected typographical errors in the dependent claim references, and the erroneous inclusion of a non-existent defined term "m" in claim 20 has been deleted.

With the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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